

## Council Names Ethics Commission, Approves Speed Camera Contract

by Kathleen Gallagher

Highlights of the April 23 regular meeting of the city council included appointment of the members of the first Greenbelt Ethics Commission, the first public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget and approval of the contract to proceed with the implementation of a speed camera program. Two additional items will be covered in separate articles: the Greenbelt Middle School facilities and July 4 fireworks.

### Ethics Commission

As a result of state legislation adopted two years ago, municipal and county governments were obliged to revise and, if necessary, strengthen their ethics codes for elected officials, senior staff and members of certain appointed boards. One condition was the establishment of an ethics commission with rather wide-ranging authority to interpret and enforce the code, hear complaints and certify the city's compliance annually with the state.

The newly appointed three-person commission includes Greenbelt residents Consuella Harris, Sieglinde Peterson and

Robert Zugby. All three bring to the commission experience and understanding of aspects of city government. Harris retired in 2009 from service as the city's director of human resources. Peterson is an attorney who served for a term as a member of the city's Employee Relations Board. Zugby, who is currently the president of the board of the non-profit Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), served on the 1981-1983 city council.

### Budget Hearing

Only one resident took advantage of the opportunity to speak about the proposed budget at the first of two public hearings to be held. The second public hearing will be held during the regular meeting Tuesday, May 29.

Molly Lester read a statement on a number of items, saying she had more but would not address all of them for the sake of time. She questioned why the city does not analyze the data from its own speed sentry equipment to forecast revenues from the new speed camera program rather than basing estimates on the experience of other jurisdictions. She also

questioned the cost-effectiveness of a proposed tag reader for the traffic control office.

She supported funding for a consultant to undertake an economic development strategy study. She encouraged identifying funding to replace grant funding that has allowed for teaching of GED and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes in Greenbelt West. She did not support finding funding to increase an animal shelter position from half time to full time in light of more important unmet needs in the city, such as those addressed through the CARES program. She reiterated criticism she has made previously of the extent of taxpayer support for a municipal animal shelter when a regional approach would be more cost-efficient.

Lester's strongest criticism was of the city's handling of capital projects, which she said requires an entirely different approach. She cited a lack of proper planning, citing the long delay in renovating the theater building

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## Council Debates Issues Of Tattoo Parlor Locations

by Barbara Hopkins

Tattoo parlors in Greenbelt were a major topic of discussion when the Greenbelt City Council met on Monday, April 9. Prince George's County Councilmember Derrick Leon Davis has proposed a bill (CB-10-2012) to amend the county zoning ordinance to permit tattoo parlors without limitations or restrictions in certain zones. In Greenbelt, Beltway Plaza, Greenway Center, Roosevelt Center, Martin's Crosswinds and Capital Cadillac are in zone types affected by the bill.

Greenbelt's Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze suggested to councilmembers that amending the bill to allow tattoo parlors in these zones by Special Exception would allow for restrictions on locations of tattoo parlors as well as review and comment by

municipalities. It would provide opportunity as well for input from the community.

### A Divided Council

City councilmembers were divided in response to the proposed legislation. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Edward Putens, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling favored Craze's suggested amendment giving the city more control over types of businesses within its borders.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi said if the legislation were amended to require a Special Exception, a super majority of the county council would be needed to override city objections. Responding to concerns from Davis about health regulations for such establishments, Manzi said they

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## Council Deals with Planning And Animal Control Budgets

by James Giese

For over three-and-a-half hours in a budget worksession on April 18 the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the budget, programs and activities for the Department of Planning and Community Development and Animal Control. These budgets account for a small portion of city expenditures and budget issues were few. The department is significantly involved, however, in a variety of efforts with significant impact upon the future growth and quality of development within the city. Those present therefore spent little time discussing budget issues but rather on the status of various planning and development issues. All councilmembers, Director Celia Craze, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Finance Director Jeff Williams were in attendance.

The Fiscal Year 2013 budget as submitted by McLaughlin calls for no change in authorized staff levels; a budget of \$359,900 for Planning, down \$11,000 from the FY2012 budget but \$6,700 more than estimated expenses for the current year. The budget is \$666,200 for Community Development, down \$39,600 from the current year's budget but \$126,000 greater than the current year estimated expenses. The

budget of \$196,500 for Animal Control, is up \$200 from the current year budget and \$19,400 below current year expenses. Planning and Community Development activities experienced cost savings this year primarily from lower salary costs, mostly due to employee turnover.

City fees for licenses, permits and infractions more than pay for the cost of the Community Development budget, which primarily accounts for the cost of code enforcement and city inspections, with revenues nearly 50 percent greater than expenses. However, a variety of overhead expenses incurred by this service are not accounted for in this budget. Only a small portion of expenses for the other two budgets are recouped from fees, with the primary source of funding being city general revenues.

### Issues

Although the proposed budget provides for replacement of two vacant positions in Community Development, the assistant director and a code enforcement inspector, Craze proposed that the position of assistant director be eliminated and those duties assumed by the assistant planning director. She urged, however, that the inspector position

be filled.

With cost savings resulting by not filling the assistant director position, she proposed increasing the Animal Control staffing level by making a part-time position full-time.

McLaughlin told council, however, that while he did not oppose hiring the inspector as proposed in his budget, he would rather wait on a decision on the assistant director until a planned comprehensive personnel study is completed. As to the animal control position, he felt that position would be for the benefit of animals, while he sees other unmet needs to serve people, even though he considers the city's animal control program to be "unbelievable."

While agreeing with McLaughlin on the quality of the program, Councilmember Leta Mach felt the program had experienced considerable growth and wondered when that would end. Craze, however, noted that it's been five years since there had been an increase in personnel and that to stay within the part-time employee limitation, the animal control patrol service would have to be reduced to five

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## Residents Near and Far Stroll Down Memory Lane

by Mary Moien

In last week's issue, I requested memories relating to the building now home to Beijing Restaurant. Jim Link suggested the word "palimpsest" to refer to peeling back the history on buildings in Greenbelt. Because of the idea of peeling back, we are presenting the first such "brief memories" in reverse chronological order – the most recent first and then peeling back to the past.

Eli Flam of Greenbelt provided a relatively recent remembrance: "The late Hilary Tham, poetry editor for Potomac Review and Chinese by birth, spoke highly of the chow (in the mein and otherwise) at the Beijing, partaken after readings in the New Deal Café back in the day. And she drove from her home in Arlington for the double pleasure."

Greenbelter Glenn Harris helps us to remember more re-

cent occupants of the building: "When I moved to Greenbelt in 1989, the space now occupied by Beijing held two businesses, the High's store and Realty 1. Subsequently, of course, High's moved across the plaza and became a 7-11 and Realty 1 moved to its current space between what's now the Mini-Mart and Generous Joe's."

Joan Moore Brummer wrote from Florida, where she now lives. She reads the News Review on line and provided one of the first memories. Joan wrote a number of remembrances; hopefully more will arrive in future stories. "What you are now calling the Beijing Building was the Drug Store when I lived in Greenbelt from 1937 until 1953. At that time there were benches

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, April 28

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

**9 a.m. to noon**, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

#### Monday, April 30

**8 p.m.**, Council Budget Worksession with Public Works, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

#### Wednesday, May 2

**8 p.m.**, Council Budget Worksession, Miscellaneous and Other Funds, Capital Projects, Community Center

#### Saturday, May 5

**9 a.m. to noon (or until the truck is full)**, Shredding, Parking Lot behind Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

**9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Community Event, Greenbelt Middle School



# Letters to the Editor



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Co-op Supermarket members vote on an issue at the annual meeting April 14.

## Helping the Co-op

At the Co-op Grocery meeting Saturday, April 14 we learned that they have run a small loss each of the past two years, after many consecutive years of gains. Discussion of the matter was lively. No one wants to see the Co-op go under. There is no chance of that in the near future but the long-term situation isn't really rosy.

There is a simple solution to the problem. If a lot of people had used cash or debit cards in place of credit card purchases, the Co-op would easily have run a profit each year. Specifically, if the 6 million or so in credit card charges at the Co-op each year had been only 3 million, that would have added well over \$60,000 to the profits and the annual losses were well under \$60,000.

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Yes, a credit card is safer than a debit card when you deal with a merchant who might sell you shoddy goods or double-charge you, so of course you use a credit card for internet purchases. But that is no problem at all when you pay at the Co-op.

Use a credit card if you have to – every dollar you spend at the Co-op helps, credit card or

not. But if you can manage it, avoid credit card purchases there. Do your part to preserve the Co-op.

Bill Jones

## THANKS

The News Review received this communication from former staffer and Greenbelt resident Leonie Penney.

My dear Greenbelt friends,  
I want to thank you all for your letters, cards, plants and presents. It was so touching!

Right now I do not have the energy for individual "Thank you's."

But I want to use this line of communication to let you know that I have moved into Assisted Living at Riderwood.

My current address is:  
Leonie Penney  
Riderwood (Renaissance Gardens), Unit 1125  
3140 Gracefield Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

I have met here already some Greenbelters!

Once again, many, many thanks. Greenbelt is such a wonderful city!

Love to you all,

Leonie

We've Moved!  
Electronically, that is.  
Note our new address:

newsreview  
@verizon.net

## Mowatt Yard Sale Today and Friday

The last Mowatt United Methodist Church fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner, raised \$500 to buy a cow for the Heifer Project.

Today and on Friday there will be a yard sale and lunch-on-the-lawn capital campaign fundraiser to improve the church doors. See ad on page 3. There will be a bake sale with pies and cakes, as well as home goods, clothes and books and lunch on the lawn. A Serger sewing machine and Christmas train are featured items.

Mowatt is at 40 Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

## County in Freeding eBook Program

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is part of a national pilot program of the Freeding (free reading) web-based eBook system, allowing the system to expand the size and diversity of its downloadable collection.

Registered library card holders can download a select number of books each week at no direct cost at [www.pgmls.info](http://www.pgmls.info), which has apps for iPad, iPhone and Android tablets and smartphones. The library pays the cost of the downloads.

Library officials say the new service is simple to use, compatible with lots of devices and has content including thousands of books. They feel the Freeding program will solve a lot of library and patron issues, including waiting in line to download and that it has no upfront cost or steep platform fee.

## T'ai Chi, Quigong Day Is Sat. Here

World T'ai Chi and Quigong Day will be celebrated in Greenbelt on Saturday, April 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The weather is expected to be good, with activities taking place outside the Community Center and the library.

Demonstrations will be led by Shirfu Taj Johnson, who will bring his other groups to join Greenbelt class members. Forms of the Wu, Chen and Yang schools will be performed. Those with previous T'ai Chi may wish to participate.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF APRIL 27

Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG)

### FRIDAY

\*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

### SATURDAY

\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

### SUNDAY

\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30

### MONDAY – THURSDAY

\*5:30, 7:30

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## Grin Belt



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## On Screen

## Good Enough to Eat

Food for thought (and vice versa) comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, April 27 with "Jiro Dreams of Sushi." In his 10-seat sushi restaurant below a Tokyo office building, chef Jiro Ono at 85 still seeks perfection in fashioning this range of traditional viands – though he's the first of his kind to win a three-star Michelin rating. Documentary maker David Gelb starts at the legendary Japanese fish market, hones in on apt settings and adds flavorful interviews. You have to love your job, Jiro at-tests; the results on screen, avows Variety, are "mouthwatering." The sushi looks good enough to eat.

PG, for mild thematic elements. Running time: 81 minutes.  
– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



## GHI Email Changes

On Thursday, April 26th at 5:30 pm, GHI will begin switching email services to change all extensions to [@ghi.coop](mailto:@ghi.coop). During the transfer, GHI's website could be inaccessible and emails undeliverable to all GHI employees for approximately 24 to 48 hours. GHI is closed on Friday, April 27th. We expect that the system will be fully restored during the weekend.

A list of all the contact emails, effective April 30th, is available at [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) or in hard copy form from the Administrative Offices.

Beginning April 30th, any email sent to an ...@greenbelthomes.net address will be forwarded to the correct address for a period of one year. Staff asks that you please make a note of the address changes. If you have any questions, please contact the Management Office at 301-474-4161, extension 148.

(This information is slightly different from previous information sent out.)



# Community Events

## At the Library Teens

Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m.: Ages 13 to 19. Teen Advisory Board. Have fun helping plan and run events that make a difference at the library.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m.: Historian C.R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on “The Long, Hard Fight: Blacks & the War of 1812” in this weekly series of talks through June 26 on African American history and culture.

Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m.: Spring Gardening tips by the Master Gardeners of Prince George’s County on selecting and growing spring and summer plants that do well in the garden.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmils.info](http://www.pgcmils.info).

## GHI Notes

Thursday April 26, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 27, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Home Remedies Are Up for Exploration

On Friday, May 4 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Betty Timer on home remedies for what ails, from A to Z. Whether it’s chicken soup, camphor or honey, home remedies are inexpensive, easy and “good for you.”

Timer has been a Greenbelt resident for more than 40 years, has served on many city committees and boards, directed a senior center in Montgomery County and is now enjoying her retirement in Greenbelt.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

More Community Events  
on pages 2, 5 and 7.

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## Help Plan Old GMS Building Use May 5

On Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. a special planning event on future use of the old Greenbelt Middle School building will enable residents to contribute and vote on ideas in a festive setting. Greenbelt residents, leaders and local organizations will participate in the planning session, to be held in the GMS building.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force and Franklin Park, the event aims to be a free, fun, productive family and community event with entertainment in the gym, information tables for community groups and hourly drawings for prizes. The program will start with an animated demo and talk by the GAVA/GATE animation team, various musical and dance groups, a mariachi band, a Double Dutch troupe and the restored choir. There will be a Zumba workout session available while listening to a DJ thumping out music to keep the ambience vibrant all day.

Tours of the building will be conducted by a local architect, with participants able to voice their preferences for how the building should be used by playing “Community Planning – One Sticker at a Time.”

There will be buses provided within Franklin Park. Spanish interpreters will be available. There will be three separate raffle drawings for prizes during the day.

Check the Middle School Task Force website at [www.greenbeltwestcommunitycenter.org](http://www.greenbeltwestcommunitycenter.org) for newly-added activities.

For details email Joe McNeal at [jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Greenbelt Tennis Intro Session

Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon a variety of activities will promote tennis at the Braden Field Tennis Courts. Jointly sponsored by the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) and city Recreation Department, the free event is open to all ages and skill levels.

Local tennis instructors will offer an assortment of drills and fun games for testing one’s hitting skills. Junior and adult rackets will be available for use.

GTA members will provide information on the opportunities available for learning and playing tennis in the area. GTA membership is free for Greenbelt residents this year.

## Green Man Festival



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## Astronomical Society Holds Star Party Sat.

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, April 28 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 8 p.m.

In addition to the departing Jupiter, objects to be observed include the moon, Saturn, Venus and Mars. Jupiter is setting very early but Saturn is near its closest approach to Earth.

If it’s chilly, bring a jacket; if it’s balmy, bring insect repellent. To be safe bring both. The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.



## Psychedelic Rock At New Deal Café

Fractal Cat, a five-piece psychedelic rock ensemble based in Baltimore, will play at the New Deal Café on May 5, part of a regional tour to promote their forthcoming debut album, *The Eye in the Dawn*.



## Help Rid Park Of Invasives

Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. is the monthly nature preservation activity to work on controlling invasive plants at Greenbelt Park. Learn about native and non-native plants and help protect the park.

The program is held the first Saturday of each month, rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch or snack and tick repellent.

The park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## Free Legal Clinic Held Here May 1

The Maryland State Bar Association Elder Law Section Council, county Advisory Committee on Aging, county Department of Family Services and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will hold a free legal clinic for seniors and disabled residents on Tuesday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center.

Attorneys will assist participants in preparing Maryland Advance Directives to establish a Health Care Agent, Living Will and optional after-death wishes.

Pre-registration is required by calling 301-345-6660.

## Mishkan Torah Ninth Annual Costume and Vintage Jewelry Sale

Sunday, April 29, 2012, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.  
Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD  
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## Opening This Week at the Greenbelt Arts Center!



## The Graduate

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18, 19 at 8:00 PM  
May 6 and 13 at 2:30 PM.

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### Coming Soon:

June 8 - 17, 2012 - Question Normality  
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dear Delinquent

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## Annual Yard Sale Mowatt Methodist Church 40 Ridge Road

**April 27 and 28**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Lunch on Lawn  
Bake Sale



**May 5, 2012**  
Departure 9:00 AM  
Returning 10:30 PM

### Greenbriar and Glen Oaks

#### Atlantic City Bus Trip

Enjoy a community bus trip to Atlantic City's Bally's Casino and Resort. First 39 tickets are \$39.00 and will go up to \$45.00. Tickets include a Bally's Casino bonus, light breakfast, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and movies.

Departing and returning to Greenbriar's Community Building.

**301.441.1096**

7600 Hanover PKWY, Greenbelt, MD 20770

## Greenbriar Community Yardsale

Don't Miss Out! All are invited to enjoy a summer yard sale to take place from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**April, 28.** Over 20 vendors will be present. Light refreshments will be sold!

**VENDORS NEEDED!**  
Rent a table or space!

• **Tables: \$10.00**

• **Spaces: \$10.00**

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## WEEK OF APRIL 27

### FRI – SAT

The Lucky One, PG-13

11:50, 2:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:55

5 Year Engagement, R

11:55, 3:15, 7:10, 9:55

The Pirates! Band of Misfits in 2D, PG (!)

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The Pirates! Band of Misfits in 3D, PG (!)

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Think Like a Man, PG (!)

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Safe, R (!)

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The Three Stooges, PG

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The Raven, R (!)

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# Obituaries

## Margaret M. Hyland

Former 50-year resident Margaret M. Hyland, of Bowie, died on Thursday, April 19, 2012. She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

She was predeceased by her husband Charles Hyland, Sr. and one grandchild.

Mrs. Hyland is survived by children Paul Hyland and his wife Dianne of Annapolis; Peggy Hyland of Irvine, Cal.; Tommy Hyland and his wife Pam of Bowie; Cathy Dorothy and her husband Mike of Ocean View, Del.; and Charles Hyland, Jr. and his wife Mary of Fairfax, Va.; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church, 135 Crescent Road on Wednesday, April 25, followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring.

An online guestbook is available at [www.beallfuneral.com](http://www.beallfuneral.com).

## Allan I. Chotiner

Former Greenbelter Allan I. Chotiner died on April 18, 2012.

Mr. Chotiner was a former principal of High Point High School. This was one of the high schools attended by early Greenbelt students.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Ann B. Chotiner; daughters Barbara Ann Chotiner, Kathleen Chotiner Harter and her husband B. Thomas Harter and Nancy Chotiner Schretter and her husband James A. Schretter; grandchildren John Harter and his wife Heather, Michael Harter, Emily Harter, Jennifer Schretter and Catherine Schretter; and great-grandchildren Maxwell and Walker.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 23 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Allan I. Chotiner Scholarship Fund, c/o High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

## Alicia Derin Andreou

Alicia Derin Andreou, who grew up in Greenbelt, died Wednesday, April 11, 2012, in Marietta, Ga., following a five-year bout with cancer. She was 39 years old.



Even as a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School – almost across Greenbelt Road from her then-home in Greenbelt East – Alicia showed outstanding talent and a broad range of interests. She

was enrolled there in the science and technology program and was a member of the Spanish honor society. She also was a varsity cheerleader and president of the Young Judea Club.

As one of two freshmen, she also won a letter as a member of the Greenbelt swim team. Later, still in high school, she was a life-guard and swimming teacher.

Alicia was also adept in American Sign Language, which was taught at the school in those early years. Thus it was not surprising perhaps, as a high school senior, that in 1989 she was named Miss Greenbelt at the Labor Day Festival.

Alicia went on to earn bachelor and master's degrees at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Later, while teaching at Miami County Day School, she was recruited for and completed a Ph.D. program at Iowa State University. She subsequently took a position as executive director of Teaching and Learning with the Atlanta, Ga., public school system. Her final professional position was Associate Head of School for the Trinity School.

Always adventurous, she became a hang gliding pilot, even receiving an instructor's rating. She was also an accomplished scuba diver. Only a few weeks before her death, she and her husband completed a trip to Machu Picchu in Peru.

Besides her husband, Mario Andreou, she is survived by her parents, Stephen and Amy Derin and her sister, Rachel Munk.

– Virginia Beauchamp

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Margaret M. Hyland, 94, who died on April 19, 2012, after a long illness.

Many county teachers and former High Point students are mourning the death of Allan I. Chotiner of College Park, who died April 18, 2012, at the age of 96. He was the first principal of High Point High School, a position he held for 19 years; the auditorium at the school is named for him. He retired in 1983 as assistant superintendent of Prince George's County schools. In the early years of their 70-year marriage the Chotiners lived in Greenbelt. Condolences to his wife Ann and his daughters Barbara, Kathleen and Nancy and their families.

We were all the beneficiaries of all the outstanding work done for the environment and the community over the Earth Day weekend – Cub Scouts, city staff, advisory board members, volunteers of every sort turned to spruce up the lakes, streams, paths and do all manner of activities to recognize our surroundings. Among them Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members Clement Lau, Rena Hull, Larry Hull, Kenneth Theodos and Kenneth Silberman staffed water/first aid stations during the Three Lakes Walk on Saturday, April 21. There's a story about the cub scouts on page 9 and

other Earth Day weekend activities will appear in articles and photos in an upcoming issue.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



## Botanic Garden Offers Pest Fighting Tips

On Friday, May 4 from noon to 1 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden will host a free public lecture, Unleashing the Power of Natural Enemies in Your Garden, by Jim Willmott, Plant Health Coordinator. Life in gardens is not limited to plants – pests make this painfully clear. Pests are often encouraged through poor plant selection, garden design and maintenance practices. This session will explore methods to encourage native natural enemies and to introduce those that are commercially available. Pre-registration is required via [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



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Rev. Diane Teichert

See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

## St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

### Services

#### • Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

#### • Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



## BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. James Lawton - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)



Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available  
Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"*

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

## ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10am



The mother is the first teacher of the child. For children, at the beginning of life, are fresh and tender as a young twig . . . . In God's sight, the best of all ways to worship Him is to educate the children and train them in all the perfections of humankind; and no nobler deed than this can be imagined.

(Abdu'l-Baha)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE

301-345-2918

[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com)

[www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday

11:00 am

Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt



## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, April 29

Meet at St. Hugh's School

Parking Lot, 6:00 AM



### Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, April 27 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Fast Eddie & the Slowpokes follow with a blend of Chicago, West Coast, Swing and Jump Blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 begins with Greg Meyer's Jazz Jam from 2 to 5:30 p.m., a community jam session where all are invited to participate. Peter Reppert follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Busted Taillight performs country and Americana from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 29 there will be a trial run of the Greenbelt Pub Quiz from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by Ayreheart's magical blend of instruments and voice from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Next Week**

On Tuesday, May 1 Australian Songstress Wendy Rule weaves together music, mythology and ritual from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 WAMMIE-nominated singer/songwriter Lynn Hollyfield performs on acoustic guitar from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, May 3 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with the open microphone session with Buck Stone held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 4 pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Round About plays acoustic/pop/rock from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, May 5 schedule begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Fractal Cat headlines with psychedelic rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

A reception and book-signing for piano man John Guernsey's latest creative endeavor, "A February Song" from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Medium Gauge then plays folk/rock from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Group Bike Ride Through BARC**

Sunday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m. a community group bike ride goes from Proteus Bike Shop in North College Park through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center.

The 22-mile ride will return to Proteus at about 4 p.m. Greenbelt riders are welcome to meet at the New Deal Café at 2 p.m. to head over to the start. The route is fairly flat with some gradual or rolling hills and will ride at a moderate pace – nobody will be left behind.

For more information call Proteus Bike Shop at 301-441-2928.

**Genealogical Society Meeting Wednesday**

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m., in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

After a brief business meeting, Patty Shawker will present "A NARA Case Study." NARA is the acronym for the National Archives and Records Administration.

All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For more information see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs) or call 301-262-2063. The society meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September through June, except for January.

The June 6 meeting will feature a presentation of cartographic records by Tom Shawker.



# City Information

#### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 -MAY 4

Monday, April 30 at 8:00pm **BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS** at **Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.** (Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov))

Wednesday, May 2 at 8:00pm **BUDGET WORK SESSION-MISC. & OTHER FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECTS,** at the Greenbelt Community Center.

***This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.***

#### Apply Now for Artist's Studio Space

Greenbelt Community Center  
24-hour access  
Details and application at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)  
Deadline to apply is May 1st.

#### DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
Parking lot between City Office and Community Ctr  
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.



Visit and "Like" the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)  
Visit Greenbelt CityLink at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

#### SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 5  
9 AM – 12 NOON (or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the regular trash.

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 240-542-2153

Recreation assistants needed at busy community center. Customer service, facility monitoring & event set up. Weekday evening/nights. \$7.25/hr.  
City of Greenbelt. 301-397-2208. EOE



Greenbelt is a new pit stop in 2012!

### BIKE TO WORK DAY

Friday, May 18

On your way in to work, stop at the **Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway between 6:30am-8:30am.**

Pre-register by May 11 at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org) to qualify for bike raffle & free t-shirt.  
Free food, beverages and giveaways at all locations listed on website.

#### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

**550-A Crescent Road** (behind Police Station)



Congratulations to Lily, Heckle & Jeckle, Lexis, and Chewy on their adoptions! We have lots of cute adorable kittens. Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.  
INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome! Like us on Facebook!

#### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> from 9am - 12 noon  
Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.  
Bring your items to Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) – NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Public Safety Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**



## A Fun, Festive Greenbelt Community Event

**SATURDAY, MAY 5**  
**9:30AM—12:30PM**  
**GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
8950 Edmonston Road, Greenbelt, MD

The current Greenbelt Middle School will move to a new building this coming school year. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE OLD BUILDING?  
Join us for this festive celebration and share your ideas!

**Door Prizes, Zumba Demo, Facility Tours, DJ Music, Information Tables, "Sity Stars Double Dutch", A Mariachi Band, Family Art Activities, GAVA/GATE Information, Shuttle Service Within Franklin Park, And MUCH MORE!**



This event is being sponsored and organized by the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Middle School Task Force, Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station and Beltway Plaza Mall. Contact Joe McNeal [jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov) or the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301.397.2200 for more information.



#### NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Encourage outdoor play by taking your family out to visit a local, state, or national park. National Kids to Parks Day supports First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move* initiative. As an official *Let's Move* city, the City of Greenbelt is asking Greenbelters and their families to take some time to visit one of our great parks.

**BUDDY ATTICK PARK:** 8:00am  
Tortoise & Hare 5K Race (sponsored by the Greenbelt Nursery School) for more information visit: [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org/event/gns5k.html](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org/event/gns5k.html)

**SCHROM HILLS PARK:** 9:00am-5:00pm  
Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Soccer Games

**ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA BIKE RALLY "RIVERS TO ROCKETS RALLY":** 8:30am-1:00pm  
Come experience the War of 1812 at the Port of Bladensburg, ride past the oldest operating airfield in the USA, and head on to the home of Goddard – the City of Greenbelt!  
Info [www.anacotiatrials.org/bike-ralley](http://www.anacotiatrials.org/bike-ralley)





PHOTO BY NORA SIMON

Shown at the reception Sunday, April 15 for the New Deal Café group show “Connecting with Our Community” and First Greenbelt Artists Studio Tour sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts and the 75th Anniversary Committee are, left to right: Chair Barbara Simon of the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, third place award winner Gary Cousin, first place award winner Tom Baker, second place award winner Elizabeth Barber, Art Exhibit Judge Tatiana Ausema, Chair Gary Mills of the 75th Anniversary Committee and New Deal Café Art Show Coordinator Julia Wade, holding Baker’s award-winning painting “From Survival to Thrival.”

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days a week.

Williams told council the budget cost for the assistant director position was \$108,000; for the inspector, \$56,000 and for making a part-time animal control officer full-time, about \$32,000 in additional expenses. These costs include employee benefits as well as direct salary.

**Street Permit Inspector**

The assistant director for Community Development had been inspecting street construction undertaken by developers. Previous to his employment in code enforcement, consulting engineers had been hired to do this work. Craze proposes the city again use consultant engineers because of the irregularity of anticipated work and uncertainty when new development might take place.

A firm has already been employed to inspect a soon-to-be constructed roundabout at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Drive. Permit fees will pay for the entire cost of this inspection work. Constructing this roundabout is a requirement for the development of the South Core of Greenbelt station.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan suggested that street inspection work might be undertaken as a joint project by the Four Cities (Greenbelt, New Carrollton, College Park and Berwyn Heights).

Craze noted that, while based on codes used by other jurisdictions, Greenbelt’s code is somewhat modified. McLaughlin thought while it was possible for this to be a joint undertaking, he did not see any particular advantage in doing it.

**Tag Reader**

Craze also urged council to fund the purchase of an electronic license tag reader like those the police use. She said the city has over \$100,000 in unpaid fines from motorists and felt the reader would pay for itself within a year’s time. It would also be useful for spotting stolen vehicles.

Craze said that for three months the city had been without a parking enforcement officer. There are now two very good ones, she said. Parking enforcement includes the Metro parking lot.

Mayor Davis asked staff to add this item to council’s wish list (expenditure items that might be funded if council approves and finds money to pay for them).

**Business Licenses**

An objective of the staff is to evaluate business licensing. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern that additional license fees would place an unnecessary burden upon small businesses, which already pay other fees.

**Animal Control**

The budget now shows adoption fees as a revenue item paid by people who take home pet animals from the city shelter. In the past, such fees were credited against the expenses the city incurs, such as veterinary fees to make a pet ready for adoption.

The \$15,000 estimated revenue for adoption fees is the largest source of income for the animal control program. Only \$100 is estimated to be realized from license fees and another \$100 from dog park user fees. This leaves \$181,300 of expenses for animal patrol and operation of the animal shelter in the FY13 budget to be funded by city tax revenues.

Although Prince George’s County has a countywide animal control program and operates a shelter, the city has traditionally provided limited animal patrol services and short-term shelter for strays picked up. This service had been operated by the Public Works Department for most of the city’s history but more recently was transferred to the Police Department. (Maryland accountants consider animal control to be a public safety expense.)

The police, however, quickly allowed the Department of Planning and Community Development to take over the responsibility. Since then, there has been substantial expansion of the program with an animal shelter building constructed to house unwanted and stray pets and an aggressive effort made to have all such animals adopted rather than be put to death. A number of residents now volunteer to assist in this program.

Davis asked that there be better documentation of time spent by volunteers on this program.

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at each of the planted areas in the Center and one was placed at the entrance to the Drug Store. As teen girls, my sisters and I were “forbidden” to hang around that one bench. Our father must have seen groupings of boys there and he didn’t think that was the place for young girls to gather. It was okay to sit at the soda fountain inside but not out front with those Drug Store Cowboys!

“On Palm Sunday in 1942, the area was hit by a snowfall so wet and so deep that electricity was cut off. The only place in town that cooked with gas was the Drug Store so my father ploughed through that heavy snow down to the drug store and came home with our Sunday dinner . . . a bagful of hamburgers!”

Eunice Birtman Burton, now living in Berwyn Heights, writes: “The building pictured in the News Review . . . certainly brings back many nostalgic memories. Our family moved to Greenbelt in March 1938. When my sister, Phyl-



PHOTO BY MARY MOJEN

This building at Roosevelt Center housed many businesses.

lis, and I attended Greenbelt High School, after getting off of the school bus we often went with classmates to the Greenbelt Drug store, now occupied by the Beijing Restaurant. I remember our usual after-school ritual was going to the drug store and sitting at the soda fountain. We almost always ordered a cherry

coke and also had peanut butter crackers. When the weather was nice, we went outside to sit on the benches in the “center” and continued visiting with friends until it was time to walk home.”

More brief stories will be forthcoming and more locations highlighted in future issues.

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and an inability to distinguish between essential and “nice to have” capital projects, pointing to the proposed funding of a wall-of-honor memorial in the Community Center when there are infrastructure problems in the building.

**Speed Camera Contract**

At its March 26 regular meeting, council revised the city code, held a public hearing and adopted a resolution of purchase to enable negotiation of a contract with Brekford Corporation for a speed camera program to operate within school zones. Police Chief James Craze was joined by Maurice Nelson of Brekford to answer any questions.

The contract provides for the city to receive 60 percent of each paid citation, with 40 percent going to Brekford. The only expense to the city is providing an officer to certify the citations. Brekford is responsible for providing and ensuring the operation of equipment, all aspects of data collection, issuing up to three notices of citation and forwarding unsettled citations to the Motor Vehicle Administration for flagging registration and tags.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan was concerned that the contract allowed for up to 10 cameras, which he considered excessive for Greenbelt. Nelson explained that since two cameras are located at each site, no more than five locations would be provided for. Craze hastened to add that five would be a maximum under the contract but that both the number

of sites and their locations would be up to the city to decide. Noting something she had observed in another town, Mayor Judith Davis also commented that she hoped there would be no artificial lowering of speed limits in the camera zones to make it easier to write citations. The vote was unanimous to support authorizing the city manager to execute the three-year contract on behalf of the city.

**Other Matters**

In other matters, the city council welcomed Christopher Scolese, the new director of Goddard Space Flight Center, who has been posted twice before at Goddard while working for NASA. He expressed his hope of remaining in the Greenbelt area permanently this time and also stated his commitment to having Goddard remain a strong partner of the city.

The mayor presented two proclamations: one to Public Works Director Ken Hall in recognition of National Public Works Week beginning May 20; and one to Assistant Recreation Director Joe McNeal in honor of National Kids to Parks Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 19 to encourage children and their families to visit local and national parks.

Regarding an application to the county Liquor Control Board for a new liquor license for the Residence Inn on Golden Triangle Drive, council followed its usual practice of agreeing to take no position when it has no reason to object.

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are regulated. He added, however, that in the current economy, nothing is as regulated as it should be. He considered it a mistake to allow tattoo parlors in commercial zones (which include shopping centers). Historically, he said, they have been located in industrial zones.

Councilmembers Rodney Roberts, Emmett Jordan and Silke Pope voted against the motion to support amending the bill to require a Special Exception to zoning codes.

Roberts considers tattoo parlors legitimate businesses, he said. He also said he did not think these business owners should have to go through an additional process and expense before they could open. Jordan agreed.

The motion to seek an amendment to CB-10-2012 to require a special zoning exception before establishment of tattooing businesses in the affected zones in Prince George’s County passed the Greenbelt City Council by a vote of four to three. It is not known when the bill will come again before the county council.

**Very Big Band Plays**

On Wednesday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. the Smith Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Maryland will host the UMD Jazz Ensemble, the UMD Jazz Lab Band and the University Band in an annual big band finale. The free concert will take place in the theater courtyard or the Dekelbaum Concert Hall in case of rain.

Dress for Safety

Wear White at Night

so drivers can see you!



A Review

Jazz Pianist John Guernsey Turns Out New Book “A February Song”

by Donna Pallotta

Many of us are familiar with John Guernsey – the artist, writer and musician who has been entertaining us with his endless stream of piano tunes at the New Deal Café for eight years. Now with his latest novel, “A February Song,” Guernsey continues to entertain and enlighten us with the bittersweet and symphonic life of his main character and protagonist, Austin Cowley, a piano man much like himself, whose story begins in Chevy Chase Circle in 1964. He takes us on a poignant and spiritual journey that moves mystically through Austin’s imaginings, fantasies and the real events in his life.

This journey also walks us through significant events in twentieth century American history – the Great Wars, the Stock Market Crash of 1929, the generation gap between the beginning of the twentieth century and the latter, social changes in the 60s, the rise of the Communist Party in America, class warfare and civil rights, all intertwined with the rhythms of jazz, rock and roll, R&B and classical music.

Cowley is cynical in his acned youth about all the world expects of a young man. After his father invites him to a show at the Howard Theater in Washington, D.C., (“the hippest place in DC”) to hear rhythm and blues and jazz, he is exposed to performances by Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Nancy Wilson. He

realizes that music is his destiny. He “found a new friend in the piano, one that would eventually become my best friend and sometimes my only friend.”

The narration moves circuitously through Cowley’s life: at times his childhood, at times his adolescence, at times his adulthood. We meet him for the first time in the present, 1998, after having recently celebrated his 50th birthday. A piano player friend of his calls him on the telephone to offer him a piano gig. Cowley takes it for the money. On the way home from the gig, he gets an urge to have a taxi drive him around Chevy Chase Circle. He hears the voice of a woman in his head, a voice he has not heard for five years, say “You’ve made the right decision,” referring to his superstitious urge to return to 1964 and the place where his journey had begun. The taxi drops him off. He paces restlessly around his apartment and once again he hears the woman’s voice. “Write it all down,” she tells him. He begins to think, “Maybe I’ll learn something if I write it all down. Or better yet, maybe it’ll be an adventure.” Cowley drifts off to sleep and the narration begins for us where it had begun for him, on a Valentine’s Day night, 1964.

It is ironic that his pilgrimage begins on Valentine’s Day because, of all the events and ponderings that readers experience throughout the narrative, the story has the strong flavor of



John Guernsey at the piano with his new book, “A February Song.”

a meditation on all the muses in Cowley’s life, those many fascinating characters we meet who influence his views on life and music. Many of the muses are the women in Cowley’s romantic life, among them the woman who is the voice in his head. He imagines it to be the voice of Sibylla, a statue who mesmerizes him when he comes upon it in the backyard of a wealthy family in Chevy Chase. Thus the title “A February Song,” signaling to us that this is a story about the muses and loves that shape the meaning of a man’s life and his efforts to understand it.

Guernsey

John Guernsey has and contin-

ues to have a rich and productive music career. He played in and wrote songs for “Claude Jones” (a sort of Grateful Dead of Washington) from 1968 to 1972: they were one of the first bands to play the Summer in the Parks program, including the Sylvan Theater at the Washington Monument and they played huge anti-war demonstrations on the Mall at the height of the Vietnam War. The band’s home base was a split between American University amphitheater and the Emergency, a non-alcoholic teen club on the edge of Georgetown.

In 1974 Guernsey wrote and recorded a song called “All the

King’s Horses” which was recorded by Emmylou Harris under the name The John Guernsey Group. It was a local hit and is still a cult item today. In 1975 Guernsey and Frank Sprague started the live jazz jam sessions at the One Step Down on Pennsylvania Avenue. Guernsey also played solo piano at the Phillips Collection for their Artful Evenings for 15 years and recently played at their 90th anniversary party.

In 2002 Guernsey branched out and began writing a musical called “Love at Last Sight.” It premiered at the Takoma Park Community Center in January 2008 with a mostly teen cast and was then staged at the Greenbelt Arts Center in July 2008 for a four day, nearly sold-out run. In February 2011 the musical was revived in Takoma Park, with more songs, more cast and a more sophisticated plot. Guernsey is now sending the script around to high schools, hoping one of them might pick it up.

Still, Guernsey admits, “My favorite gig is at the New Deal Café. The people are great, the bands are great and the food is great. There’s no place like it.”

Artist’s Reception

Join Guernsey at a reception and book-signing for his novel “A February Song” on Sunday, May 6 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center and come listen to the words and music that resonate throughout the novel.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### DWI/DUI

April 13, 12:38 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Breezewood Terrace. A 27-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Trespassing

April 17, 7:19 a.m., 100 block Centerway. A 53-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

April 12, 9:13 p.m., 100 block Westway. Electronics were taken.

### Vehicle Crime

A red 2008 Kia Spectra stolen from Greenway Center was recovered by Prince George's County Police, with two arrests made. No further information is available.

Thefts from automobiles were reported in the 9100 block Springhill Lane (GPS unit) and in the 6500 block Capitol Drive (set of wheels and lug nuts). There was an attempted theft from a vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

One act of vandalism was reported, in the 7900 block Mandan Road where a window was broken.

PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT



This compact Chevy lost control Monday evening, hitting a tree near the fire house on Crescent Road. The single occupant was cut from the vehicle by fire department personnel and transported by ambulance to the hospital for evaluation with non-life threatening injuries. The cause of the accident remains under investigation. The rescue operation briefly shut part of Crescent Rd.

## Find Fabulous Fish At Wildlife Center

On Sunday, April 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center children ages 8 to 10 can discover the underwater world of freshwater fishes and the dangers they face from people and animals as they transform from fry to fish. Bring shoes that can get wet. The Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.



## Refuge Night Hike At North Tract

Join a night hike at the Patuxent North Tract entrance on Saturday, April 28 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for ages 5+. Discover the nighttime world of the refuge. Look and listen for nocturnal animals on this free guided walk. The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

## Bird Walk Planned

On Saturday, April 28 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. there will be a bird walk for all ages at the Patuxent North Tract entrance. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 32.

## Guided Herp Search

On Saturday, April 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. there will be a free guided search for reptiles and amphibians for all ages with a refuge naturalist at Patuxent's North Tract entrance. Wear good walking shoes.

## WSSC Seneca Water Plant Open House

On Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to noon the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will hold a free open house and plant tour of the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant. See how wastewater is treated so it can be safely released back into the environment.

The Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant is at 12600 Great Seneca Highway in Germantown.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

# 77th Del-Mar-Va Glass Show April 28 & 29

The annual Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club 77th annual glass show returns to the area on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and April 29 at Duval High School in Lanham. This year's show includes an array of Early American through Mid-20th century pattern, elegant and Depression-era glassware, kitchenware, china, pottery and linen collectibles.

Some of the best dealers, specialists who are well known for their impressive knowledge of the collectibles, will have glass for sale in their booths. Each Del-Mar-Va show features an exhibition of some specific object, pattern or color.

The theme for this show is a display of advertising on glass and pottery items that are sure to bring memories of those lemonade, orange, ice tea and root beer soda-fountain dispensers and featured items including orange and lemon reamers (juicers), paper weights and food mixers.

The club will continue to offer its popular glass identification service without charge to those attending. Identification is performed by knowledgeable club members.

There is an admission fee. For directions and information call 301-565-2361 or 410-263-4192 or email [ybrian@verizon.net](mailto:ybrian@verizon.net).



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Cub scouts Adrian Slifer (left, age 8) and Caleb Carr (right, 7) collect trash at Greenbelt Lake. Holding the bag is Michael Marshal.

## Cub Scouts Clean Lake Park

by Ben Clarke

On Saturday, April 14 at Buddy Attick Park 25 volunteers from Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202, aided by several local residents including Greenbelt City Councilmember Konrad Herling, took part in the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s 24th yearly Potomac Watershed Cleanup as a Spring Service Project. Mayor Judith Davis stopped by to offer words of support and encouragement to the young volunteers.

The goal was to remove debris from the parks, fields, forest and even parking lots before it reaches the Potomac River. The weather cooperated as the Cub Scouts sorted garbage and recyclables into blue and yellow bags.

The pack walked the entire lake trail and waterline picking up bottles, cans, cigarette butts and other debris, some plucked from the edge of the lake. They were amazed to find the huge number of tennis balls in and alongside the lake.

This was the second time Pack 202 has picked up litter in and around Buddy Attick Lake Park. They are pleased to announce the amount of debris was less than last year.

In previous years Cub Scout Pack 202 has cleaned the storm water drainage area on Hanover Parkway as well as the stream

located along Braden Field.

*Ben Clarke is the Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 202.*



Members of Cub Scout Pack 202, which is based at the Greenbelt Community Church, parents and friends pose for a group photo before the clean-up.

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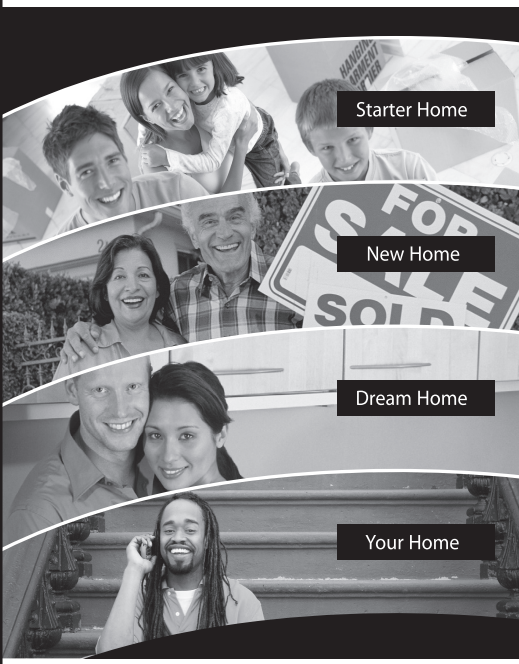
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# Father Goose Says Donald Deserved a Second Chance

by Don Comis

Last spring, at age 62, I relived a time about six decades ago when I cried while putting together an “Ugly Duckling” puzzle. This time it was when I became Father Goose to a baby goose abandoned by his parents. I say “his” only because I named him Donald, setting myself up for heartbreak.

I had watched Donald’s parents getting ready for his birth. His mother sat dutifully on the nest by a stream, while his father swam nearby, watching for any threat to his expectant mate. When Donald hatched, the real Father Goose joined Mother Goose at the nest site. I watched little Donald move through grass to his mother. Everything seemed fine, although some onlookers worried about possible flooding. But when Mother Goose stayed on the nest for three days with no more births, I began to worry.

What I didn’t see in my last sighting of Mother Goose showed up in a photograph I took and later placed on my computer screen as wallpaper: Donald was sleeping in her wing, just his little precious head showing. And what I didn’t know is that in 24 hours Donald would be sleeping under my shirt, against my breast.

The next night I noticed both geese were gone, so I went down to check the empty nest site. I saw unhatched eggs, some broken. And then I saw Donald. At first I thought he was dead but he was very alive. Then I could see something was wrong with his feet and I thought I had stepped on him, but I hadn’t. I saw his parents swimming at a distance, with no concern for the nest or Donald. I realized that something had gone seriously wrong – only one egg had hatched and that gosling was born crippled, his back legs splayed behind him. From a distance, I hadn’t realized he was crawling to his mother, not walking.

### Left Behind

Her instinct told her after a while that she had to abandon her eggs – they would never hatch. And Donald would have to follow or be left behind.

I put Donald in the rain cover of my backpack and placed him in my bike pannier and rode him home. I fed him water and grass; he drank and ate. His beak was so dirty from dragging in the mud that he kept muddying the water but it regained clean beauty after several water changes.

My wife, Helen, and I took turns keeping him warm in our shirts. And I kept him warm overnight by putting an 8-hour heating pad in a shoe box and covering it with strips of newspaper for bedding.

The next morning I called an organization that advised me to return Donald to his nest and let Nature take its course. Then I called the Second Chance Wildlife Center in Gaithersburg, Md., and they said they would try to save Donald.

So now Donald rode on the Beltway with me, in my car this time.

When we got there, I saw other goslings, bigger than Don-



PHOTO BY DON COMIS

**This goose has been swimming alone at Greenbelt Lake, showing damage to its wing, an example of "Nature Gone Wrong."**

ald, in aquarium cages. The first person who checked out Donald thought something could be done. But when Donald was more closely examined, they came back with the bad news – Donald’s legs and wings were genetically deformed and nothing could be done.

I asked if I could keep him, but they said it would be cruel, because he would have to drag himself on his stomach and he would develop sores from that. I agreed, taking him outside for some last moments with him and for some photographs. A staff member noticed how Donald had bonded to me, walking toward me.

I cried on the way home driving back without my Donald.

### Ugly Duckling

My mother told me the Ugly Duckling story and gradually I realized why I was crying so long ago while doing that puzzle: I was a sensitive child who was cross-eyed at a very young age and had to wear glasses, so I identified with the Ugly Duckling.

Although I have always identified with underdogs (difficult or underappreciated people, dogs and cats), I never realized how that childhood story would come to life for me, making me fully appreciate when Nature works well. When I see goslings survive to swim away with their parents and eventually enjoy the magic of flight, I realize not all of them are that lucky.

When I returned to the nest site after Donald was put to sleep, I saw that one or more

raccoons or foxes had come to eat the eggs and was thankful Donald was spared being eaten alive – which would have been Nature’s course. I also saw his parents swimming at a distance from the nest, passed by a luckier pair of geese shepherding several goslings swimming in a line between them.

I try my best to let Nature take its course and I understand the rule of thumb, that if a baby bird has feathers and is not injured, it should be left alone since there is a good chance it has not been abandoned. But there are times when I will interfere – such as saving a bird like Donald that I can see has been abandoned and is incapable of surviving alone and will be eaten alive shortly. Or when, years ago, my cat brought a baby house sparrow to me safely in his mouth, on a cold rainy night. At first I brought the bird back but then saw a second sparrow. Now I had a sparrow in each hand, both enjoying the warmth of my hand.

Those two I brought in and gave them my overnight shoebox motel treatment and released them the next morning, to the delight of their mother who had come to my bedroom window when she heard them chirping in the shoebox.

As long as it is done thoughtfully and in consultation with licensed wildlife rehabilitators such as those at Second Chance, I see nothing wrong with very sparingly giving Nature a second chance. In fact, later a rehabilitator at my vet’s office told me she has saved birds in situations similar to Donald’s. How can you argue with an office where she and other staff kept a robin until it regained its singing voice after suffering a throat injury?

After writing this story, I finally fulfilled a promise I had made a year ago and gave my first donation to the Second Chance Wildlife Center. Go to their website at <http://scwc.org/> and donate your money, time and/or supplies. They welcome gifts of everything from trash bags and bottled water to snacks for their wonderful volunteers.

## Literary Study Prompts Creative Endeavor at GMS



**Greenbelt Middle School and University of Maryland students show off a large mural they created together as part of their study of Fortune’s Bones, a poem about a slave and the misuse of his bones for teaching purposes. Their collaborative work was displayed at a reception at the University of Maryland on April 15 and the mural will be on display at Greenbelt Middle School.**

– photo by Angela Robinson

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## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of April 23

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Indians	6-2	Athletics	4-2
Cardinal	4-1	Tigers	3-1
Cubs	3-2	Giants	3-3
Yankees	0-6	Orioles	0-6

### Major League Schedule April 30 through May 5

Date	Time	Games
Monday, April 30	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles
Tuesday, May 1	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Tigers
Wednesday, May 2	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Athletics
Thursday, May 3	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Cubs
Friday, May 4	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Tigers
*Friday, May 4	7 p.m.	Yankees vs. Cardinals
Saturday, May 5	10 a.m.	Cubs vs. Indians
Saturday, May 5	1 p.m.	Giants vs. Athletics

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.  
\*Game played at Braden #2.

## JOHN GUERNSEY BOOK-SIGNING

Join New Deal Café piano man John Guernsey as he autographs and shares stories and songs from his first novel, “A February Song”. Books are currently available for sale at the Café.

**Sunday May 6, 2 to 4:30pm**



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## UM Police Host Drug Take-Back Saturday

The University of Maryland Police Department will host a site for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The collection site is at the Rossborough Lane entrance of the campus police department, off Route 1 across from Ritchie Coliseum.

The Drug Take-Back Day provides a safe way to dispose of unwanted, unused prescription drugs, thus protecting both people and the environment. At the fall 2011 Take-Back Day, 188 tons of unwanted or expired medications were collected nationally.

For more information see the police department press release at [umpd.umd.edu](http://umpd.umd.edu).

## Belters Win Two To Open Season

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League opened the season on Wednesday, April 25 by sweeping a double-header from Reisterstown, 29-11 and 25-10. Top hitter was Willie White, with six singles, a double and triple. John Benish had four singles, a double and triple; Richard Bennof stroked two doubles and the day’s lone home run in the second game; and Rex Powell had five of the many walks given up by Reisterstown, starting its first year in the league. Sterling Tropp pitched the first game for Greenbelt and C. Collins the second.

